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CLARKSBURG, W. VA. — TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1912.

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## OATH TAKEN BY SUN AS PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA

First Official Act is to Change the Chinese Calendar.

NEW YEAR'S SAME DAY

As the Other Nations of the Earth Have is What He Decides On.

NANKING, China, Dec. 2.—President Sun's first official act was to change the calendar so that the Chinese year begins the same day as the year of other nations.

Accompanied by a strong body guard, he arrived here from Shanghai on a special train and after riding through cheering throngs in crowded streets took the oath of office in the government house. He made an address, in which he promised to restore peace, re-establish commerce, disenthroned the Manchus and then resign.

A cabinet will be announced tomorrow.

PEKING, Jan. 2.—The empress dowager, who desires to carry on a campaign against the revolutionists today advanced \$2,000,000 to Premier Yuan for that purpose.

## DOOLITTLE

Of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Wants to Be on the State Supreme Bench.

HUNTINGTON, Jan. 2.—Judge E. S. Doolittle, of Huntington, for twelve years a circuit judge of the Sixth district, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for judge of the state supreme court. Three judges are to be named for places on the supreme court bench at the state convention to be held here in May, at which time delegates will also be chosen to the national Republican convention.

## DIRECTORS

And Officers for the Farmers' Bank Are Chosen for 1912.

Annual meetings of stockholders and directors of the Farmers' Bank were held Tuesday in the bank's rooms in the Goff building.

The stockholders elected the following board of directors to serve for the ensuing year: A. J. Fletcher, Ransel Johnson, David L. Hall, Jasper S. Kyle, Dr. J. B. Smith, C. R. Boggs, C. A. Lawson, I. N. Burnside, George W. Williams, W. G. Kester, C. A. Hornor, Dr. T. M. Hood, T. J. Lynch, B. T. Southern, Dr. M. J. Bartlett, J. A. Crislip, J. E. Law, W. L. Cole, Ellis Lyon, H. W. Harmer and E. E. Righter.

The directors then organized by electing A. J. Fletcher president, D. L. Hall vice-president and Charles W. Furbee cashier.

## SALE DENIED

Southern Railroad Not Sold to Baltimore and Ohio as Reported.

ROMNEY, Jan. 2.—A dispatch purporting to have been sent from Romney, stating that the Hampshire Southern railroad had been sold to the Baltimore and Ohio and that the latter would take it over on January 1, was shown to William Trappnell, general manager of the road, who was asked as to its truth. He stated it was a mistake.

## PRISONER

From Mannington is Jailed Here but Released under Bond.

Hysee Green, who was indicted by a recent grand jury of this county for stealing a lot of junk at Dola, was arrested Monday at Mannington on a capias, by Walter Furbee, a deputy sheriff of Marion county, and brought to the Harrison county jail for safe keeping. He gave bond of \$500 Tuesday for his appearance at the next term of criminal court here and was released.

## UNKNOWN MEN ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP THE CREMATORY

Two Charges of Dynamite Are Exploded in Road Near City Plant.

DWELLINGS DAMAGED

Objection by Residents is Believed to Have Some Connection.

By the Delegates to the Ohio Progressive Democratic Conference.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 2.—Delegates to the Progressive Democratic conference scheduled to meet here today arrived early, and former Congressman John J. Lentz gave out a statement, in which he said that while the doctrine advocated by Governor Harmon would be condemned, Harmon was not to be made an issue.

"Harmon is but a man," he said, "while the idea of this movement is to send to the national Democratic convention delegates who will stand for the progressive principles."

Progressive Republicans of Ohio have formed a permanent organization, adopted a declaration of progressive principles, but voted 52 to 32 not to give their endorsement to United States Senator Robert M. La Follette as a candidate for the Presidential nomination.

LA FOLLETTE GETS LOST.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 2.—Senator La Follette got on a wrong train at Saginaw today, and may have to cancel his Lansing and Owosso meetings.

SIXTEEN EXECUTED.

TABRIZ, Jan. 2.—Eight persons were hanged here yesterday, and eight today by order of the Russian court martial.

What is believed to have been an attempt to damage the city crematory at Point Comfort by exploding heavy charges of dynamite, was perpetrated a short time before midnight Monday by three unknown men.

If this was the purpose the attempt was a failure as the crematory escaped damage of any kind but the explosions were so violent as to smash windows and doors of several dwellings along the river road below the crematory. Two charges of the explosive were fired, the second about fifteen minutes after the first, in the road about 100 feet from the crematory.

Windows were broken and a door torn from its hinges at the home of Lester Banks and a number of windows were broken in other dwellings farther down the road. A short time before the first shock three men were seen running down the road away from the scene of the explosion.

This is the second attempt to damage the crematory by firing explosives, one having been attempted with like failure a year or more ago. It is believed that the reason for not setting off the dynamite nearer to the plant is that there was fear of killing the keeper. Residents of that section object to the operation of the crematory there and it is suspected that this objection may have some connection with the dynamiting. An investigation will be made by authorities.

## MONEY

Is Plentiful in the State Treasury as Shown by Official Report.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 2.—The report of the state auditor and state treasurer for the month of December shows a balance of \$1,981,022.51 in all funds, as follows:

State Fund.  
Bal. Nov. 30, 1911... \$ 945,389.52  
Receipts during Dec... 71,234.06

Disbursements during December... \$ 212,616.92

Balance Dec. 31... \$ 864,026.66

State Road Fund.  
Balance Nov. 30... \$ 10,276.79  
Receipts during Dec... 1,905.48

Disbursements during December... \$ 12,182.27

Balance Dec. 31... \$ 1,688.75

General School Fund.  
Balance Nov. 30... \$ 398,797.42  
Receipts during Dec... 16,983.14

Disbursements during December... \$ 485,780.56

Balance Dec. 31... \$ 165,307.20

The School Fund.  
Balance Nov. 30... \$ 14,500.00  
Receipts during Dec... 7,000.00

Disbursements during December... \$ 21,500.00

Balance Dec. 31... \$ 21,500.00

Invested in bonds, etc... \$ 78,500.00

Total the school fund (irreducible)... \$1,000,000.00

Total in all funds... \$1,981,022.00

DATE IS SET.

GRAFTON, Jan. 2.—The executive committee of the West Virginia State Bar Association at a meeting here designated July 17 and 18 as the time for holding its next annual convention. Grafton will entertain the lawyers this year at its new hotel, the Willard.

## FRANCIS FUNERAL HOUR IS NOT FIXED UP TO THIS TIME

Time Will Not Be Decided on until Brother-in-law Arrives in City.

SORROW IS GENERAL

Sudden Death of the Sheriff Causes Grief in the County.

The hour of the funeral of Michael J. Francis, sheriff, who died at 4:55 o'clock Monday afternoon in his residence on South Third street from acute indigestion a few hours after eating a hearty meal, although medical treatment was given him at 3 o'clock, from which he improved, and again just before he died, having become critically ill, will not be fixed until John Fitzgerald, of St. Louis, a brother of Mrs. Francis, arrives this evening on No. 12 at 5:32 o'clock. The funeral will take place in the church of the Immaculate Conception and will likely be held Thursday morning. The interment will be in the Holy Cross cemetery, where his parents were buried.

Sheriff Francis was born at Reynoldsville, this county, in 1861, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Francis, both now deceased, who were natives of Ireland. His father was a section foreman a number of years for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

The son after attending the public school at Reynoldsville, became engaged as a miner in the Coketon coal mine at Reynoldsville, owned and operated at that time by the late Dr. J. W. Ramsay, of this city. At first he was employed as a mule driver. After a short time in the mine he became a track walker for the railroad company for one year, and then went back to the mine, this time at Wilsonburg, and later in the West Fairmont shaft near Fairmont, where in 1886 he was caught by a heavy fall of slate, which resulted in the necessity of amputating one of his feet. About this time M. G. Cunningham resigned as postmaster at Wilsonburg and Mr. Francis was appointed to succeed him. By this time he had saved some money even from his limited income, and he and his brother, William also a hard-handed son of toil, entered the mercantile business in a small way in connection with the postoffice. The firm of Francis Brothers soon became very popular, and in a few years it was doing a business of over \$50,000 a year.

In 1904, after twenty years in the mercantile business, William Francis died, as the result of a mine disaster, and not caring to continue longer, Mr. Francis sold the store, and began devoting his time to other interests. He was the moving spirit in the organization of the Hutton Oil and Gas Company, which leased and drilled the property of a number of farmers in the western part of the county and brought to the people of Wilsonburg and Adamston cheap fuel which they could not have otherwise attained. He spent about \$3,000 drilling water wells in Wilsonburg for the use of his neighbors entirely free of charge. He was vice president and a member of the board of directors in the Home Bank for Savings in this city.

The deceased sheriff sought the elevated companionship of the leading citizens of his community, and became a valued member of many influential fraternal organizations, being a Knight of the Maccabees, a Knight of Columbus, a Knight of St. John and member of the local lodge of Elks. Mr. Francis was also

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## BOYLES NAMED

By the Socialists at Adamston As a Candidate for Mayor.

A goodly number of persons attended the convention by the Socialists at Adamston Monday night, when a town ticket was nominated for the annual election Thursday there. W. S. Boyles was nominated for mayor, C. H. White for recorder and B. Kernan, Harry Bohman, Samuel Powell, Charles Shutte and J. W. Flanagan for councilmen.

Presley M. Kidd acted as chairman and Carl Barth as secretary of the meeting.

## MEMORIAL ACTION FOR LATE SHERIFF

Is to Be Taken by the Circuit Court of Harrison County.

Owing to the death of Michael J. Francis, sheriff of the county, the January term of the circuit court, formally opened Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge Charles W. Lynch presiding, will hold only formal short sessions until after the funeral. The jurors were discharged until Friday morning.

Gloom filled the court room in the absence of the sheriff and touching reference was made to his sudden death and his prompt and efficient official service. Deputy Sheriff Percy Byrd occupied the sheriff's chair and officiated at the session.

Judge Lynch appointed E. G. Smith, John W. Davis and Will E. Morris to prepare and submit appropriate resolutions in connection with the death of Sheriff Francis, to

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## MAYORS INVITED

By the City of Chicago to Attend the Municipal Congress There.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Invitations were mailed today to the mayors of all cities asking them to attend the municipal congress here March 7 to 12. The principal topic will be the practical city beautiful.

## CHURCH GYMNASIUM OPEN IN CITY AGAIN

With a Splendid Equipment for Exercise and Amusement.

The First Methodist Episcopal church gymnasium in the basement of the old Goff Methodist Episcopal church as again been opened to the young people of the city with K. R. Darling, church clerk, in charge. Mr. Darling has secured about fifty members and this list will be added to from now on as the place will be open every evening from 7 to 10 o'clock and all the young men of the city are cordially invited to go and inspect the gymnasium, and if any wish to join, they should see Mr. Darling.

The equipment of the gymnasium although not large is the finest that can be secured in the United States. The equipment now consists of a horizontal bar, parallel bar, horse, fifty pairs of dumb bells, fifty pairs of Indian clubs, several sets of fencing foils and outfits, two medicine balls, two horizontal ladders, six duplex lifting weights and two sets of stall bars. Three shower baths and lockers for all the members are also considered in the equipment.

A lounging and reading room has also been furnished and the management has already subscribed for sixteen of the leading magazines and a large library of the leading works of the best authors is also to be placed in the room.

A class for the children has been arranged for the afternoon and Mr. Darling will have charge, giving class work two afternoons each week.

The young ladies of the city will have one night each week under a directress who will organize several classes, as soon as the young ladies get started to going. The night for the ladies will be announced in a few days.

## SHOCK FELT

In the State of Illinois But No Lives Are Reported Lost.

DIXON, Ill., Jan. 2.—An earthquake shock was felt throughout this section at 10:18 o'clock today. No lives were lost.

## PRESENT LAW

Concerning Coal Land Sales is Questioned by General Smith.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Of interest to the coal operators of West Virginia may be the attitude of George Otis Smith, director of the United States geological survey, in regard to coal land legislation. Mr. Smith questions the wisdom of the present law limiting the quantity of coal land which may be sold to an individual to 160 acres. He says:

"The fixed charges of a modern coal mine so equipped as to safeguard life and property and to assure maximum recovery are too high to be assessed against the tonnage of so small a tract. The homestead law expresses the spirit of American institutions in that it has encouraged every citizen to own a home, but there is neither sentiment nor sense in a proposition to sell at a low price 160 acres of coal land to an individual—every citizen does not need to own a coal mine."

PLANT SUSPENDS

MORGANTOWN, Jan. 2.—The Cheat River Gas Company's lamp chimney plant at Point Marion, has suspended operations owing to difficulty in obtaining gas for fuel. The plant will likely be dismantled and moved to one of the West Virginia gas fields.

## FUNERAL

Services Over Body of Miss Clara Weatherholtz Will Be Held at the Home.

The body of Miss Clara May Weatherholtz, who died suddenly Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at her home on High street, in the Wine addition, of a complication of diseases, will be taken to her old home at Buckhannon Wednesday morning at 11:30 o'clock and the burial will be held from the home of her uncle Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The burial will follow in a Buckhannon cemetery.

Miss Weatherholtz was the 19-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Weatherholtz, and had a large number of acquaintances in the city. She was an accomplished musician, being considered one of the best piano players in the city. A short funeral service will be held at the home on High street at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, before taking the body to the train.

## LAUNDRY WORKERS

To the Number of 2,000 Go Out on Strike for Higher Wages.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Two thousand and laundry workers struck today for higher wages and improved working conditions. Fifty laundries are affected.

RETURNS TO SCHOOL.

John Harvey Fye, of the New York Military Academy at Cornwall on the Hudson, who spent the holidays here with his parents, went to New York Monday night to attend a dinner and theater party given in his honor by one of his school mates. At the end of his furlough, January 3, he will return to the school.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Okey R. Morris and Lemmie B. Hornor and Clifford R. Hill and Emma M. Purdue.